

KANNAPOLIS CHRISTMAS EVENTS IN DECEMBER

The **Celebration of Lights and Winterland Express** continues until December 30. The **Kannapolis Christmas Parade** returns on December 10.

The Celebration of Lights includes thousands and thousands of Christmas lights. Ride the Wonderland Express, a g-24 scale replica CP Huntington engine, and count down the 12 Days of Christmas as you view unique holiday light displays. Manufactured in Italy, the **Village Park Carousel** features 1,800 lights, Brazilian oak decking and charming hand-painted Venetian murals.



EARTH TIP



Buy a live tree to use as a Christmas tree. Plant it in your yard after the holidays. Keep it lightly watered until it has time for its root system to get established.

Admission to the park and viewing of the lights is free; tickets are required to ride the carousel and train. Reservation information for the train and carousel may be found at www.kannapolisnc.gov/christmas. The park is located at 700 West C Street in Kannapolis.

Again this year, kids of all ages will be able to visit **Santa**. Bring your wish list for your visit with Santa – you are welcome to take your photo with him at no charge.

The park will also feature performances from our very own **Kannapolis Singing Bears**, who will entertain you with a Christmas carol performance. On various evenings between 6 and 8 p.m. (December 6, 7, 8, 13, 14 and 15), local

community groups and musicians will perform your favorite Christmas songs.

Other activities include making a holiday craft, enjoying s'mores around the fire pit and much more. Local craftspeople and artisans will be on hand on the weekends, so come prepared to do your Christmas shopping. Food trucks will have food and drinks for sale.

Open until December 30 – Celebration of Lights: Open 6-9 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays; 6-10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. (closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day)

December 10 – The Kannapolis Christmas Parade begins in downtown Kannapolis at 6 p.m.: This special nighttime parade travels through the streets of downtown Kannapolis and usually lasts until 7:30 p.m.

Visit www.kannapolisnc.gov/christmas for updates to information.

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Discover a Healthy Life KANNAPOLIS MATTERS

CITY OF KANNAPOLIS CELEBRATES GROUNDBREAKING OF LAKESHORE CORPORATE PARK

The Kannapolis City Council and Fortius Capital Partners recently celebrated the groundbreaking of Lakeshore Corporate Park.

The corporate park will be located on a 55-acre site at Lane Street near the I-85 Exit 63 interchange, and has excellent access to Charlotte and Greensboro. The property is next to Lake Fisher, which is a protected reservoir. It was the former site of the Intimidators Baseball Stadium.

Fortius Capital Partners is a Concord-based developer who is partnering with Stonemont as the capital partner and Choate Construction as their general contractor. The group plans to build three industrial buildings on the site, ranging from 125,000 square feet to 300,000 square feet. The total development is expected be approximately 700,000 square feet on about 34 acres of the site. The overall development cost will be in excess of \$50 million.

Fortius plans to target manufacturing, light assembly and distribution companies to move into the buildings and bring hundreds of jobs to the City. Expected buildout is about three to five years.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

1-30 Winterland Express & Celebration of Lights | 6 p.m.
Village Park (closed 24th-25th)

10 Christmas Parade | 6 p.m. |
Downtown Kannapolis

22-26 Christmas Holiday
(City Offices closed)

JANUARY

1 New Year's Day Holiday
(City Hall closed)

16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
(City Hall closed)

Free admission. No pets or smoking, please.

*Concessions and food trucks available at concerts.
More at www.kannapolisnc.gov.*

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The developer will donate three acres at the north end of the site for the City to use for a future fire station.

“We are pleased to be able to begin this project in Kannapolis. We are building a Class A corporate park, which will be ideally suited for many different companies due to the close proximity and easy access to interstate I-85, the strong labor pool and immediate connectivity to the overall greater Metro Charlotte region. Having a beautiful neighbor – Lake Fisher – and the many amenities located in the City of Kannapolis are just a couple of the strong attributes that drew us to this location,” said Dave Davis, with Fortius.

“We are excited to be at this point – shovels turning dirt. This means we are months away from adding to our inventory of great places where people can work and companies can fulfill their mission of providing quality jobs and products for our citizens. We look forward to watching this property develop into a corporate campus,” said Kannapolis Mayor Darrell Hinnant. “With our recent designation as a Top 15 Location for Corporate Relocations, we expect a lot of interest in the site.”

Fortius Capital Partners has more than 22 years of commercial real estate experience. The development group is currently building out Meadows Corporate Park in Concord and has redeveloped the Old Creamery building in Concord.



Recently, several of our Stormwater staff volunteered to help build a Habitat for Humanity house in Kannapolis. They spent the morning adding siding to the house.

Volunteering were Jason Kincaid, George Nunez, Terry Campbell, Brandon Hawkins, Josh Creswell, Nakia Walker and Josh Lemmings. The City has been a partner with Habitat for Humanity for more than 20 years and offers employees the opportunity to volunteer with Habitat and other organizations in the City.

HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT CITY SERVICES?



If you need assistance or have questions about City services, call 704-920-4444 or email custserve@kannapolisnc.gov.

The CARTology app is also available to provide information and assistance regarding City garbage, recycling, yard debris and white goods services. It can be downloaded for free from the Google play store.

The City’s website – www.kannapolisnc.gov – is also available as a resource for information and questions.



DISCOVER THE CITY’S GREENWAYS THIS WINTER



Even though it is chilly outside you can enjoy the City’s greenways. They are an important part of the park and recreation system in Kannapolis.

The City has five greenways: Bakers Creek, 8th Street, Rocky River, Safrit and Irish Buffalo Creek greenways. All are open to the public for walking, running, biking and more from dawn to dusk.

As part of the City’s emphasis to Discover a Healthy Life, we encourage you to get out and enjoy the greenways at your own pace. That’s the great thing about greenways – there are many options for enjoying them.

- GREENWAY INFORMATION**
- BAKERS CREEK GREENWAY**
Parking: Bakers Creek Park (1275 West A Street); Village Park (700 West C Street); Cannon Memorial YMCA (101 YMCA Drive)
- Paved
 - Connects to the 8th Street Greenway and Village Park for a two-mile loop

- 8TH STREET GREENWAY**
Parking: Bakers Creek Park (1275 West A Street)
- Access greenway on foot at Loop Road near Forest Avenue OR at the Bakers Creek Park connection
 - 10-foot-wide paved trail
 - Connects to Bakers Creek Greenway for a two-mile loop

- IRISH BUFFALO CREEK GREENWAY**
Parking: Vietnam Veterans Park (760 Orphanage Road, Concord)
- Access greenway by foot at Oakwood Avenue (across from the Lantern Green and Stonewyck neighborhoods); Vietnam Veterans Park and Rogers Lake Road; the neighborhoods of

- Newman Manor and Kellswater Bridge**
- 10-foot-wide paved trail
 - Three pedestrian bridges
 - 2.7 miles

- ROCKY RIVER GREENWAY**
Parking: 3024 Shiloh Church Road, Davidson
- 10-foot-wide half-mile paved trail

- WALTER M. SAFRIT PARK TRAIL**
Parking: 1415 Bethpage Road
- A half-mile walking trail that circles Safrit Park

Greenway Brochure link – [GreenwayBrochure_2021_REV.pdf](#) can be found at kannapolisnc.gov.

